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Sir, that so far as the Executive action is concerned, the guarantees of the Constitution in this great particular will know no diminution.

For your kind expression of good will towards me personally, I beg you to accept my thanks along with my best wishes for your health and happiness.

JOHN TYLER.

VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

EXTRACTS.

(Continued from Vol. XII., p. 220.)

July 24, 1752.

On Monday last, died, and this Evening was interr'd here, the Rev. and Hon. Doctor William Dawson, one of his Majesty's Council of this Colony, President of the College of William and Mary, and the Lord Bishop of London's Commissary for Virginia. His conscientious and faithful Discharge of his important Public Trust, as well as his amiable Character in Private Life, having indear'd him to all who had the Honour of his Acquaintance; his Death is universally lamented.

On Monday last the famous Tom Bell, after staying here four Days, left this Place without Molestation intending for his School in Hanover. If this Man, after the many Pranks he has play'd, is really sincere in his Professions of Reformation, and his Intention of living an honest and industrious Life, it may perhaps be a Surprise to many, who are apt to say, Can the Ethiopian change this Skin, or the Leopard his Spots; then also may he do good that has been accustomed to do evil.

July 30, 1752.

All Persons indebted to the Estate of Mr. Thomas Wharton, deceased, are desired to pay their respective Ballances before the 25th of April next, or else their Bonds will be put into the Hands of an Attorney. I publish this Advertisement, that no one may complain of not having sufficient Notice.

Thomas Dawson, *Executor.*

August 7, 1752.

If any of the Descendants of Mr. John Herbert, late Merchant on James River, will apply to the Printer hereof, may hear of something to their Advantage.

N. B.—He formerly married Mrs. Frances Anderson, of the said Place, and died in the Year 1704 or 1705, and what Arms he bore is said is cut on his Tomb Stone; he left two Sons, Buller and Richard, and one Daughter, named Martha, who married one Mr. James Powell Cock, about the year 1718.

August 14, 1752.

Yesterday the Rev. Mr. William Stith, A. M., late Rector of Henrico Parish, was elected President of the College of William and Mary, in the Room of the Reverend and Honourable Dr. William Dawson, deceas'd.

To the Public.

As I have for some years past been fully convinc'd of the pernicious Consequences of an unsettled and rambling Life, and of giving the Reins to exorbitant Passions, and unlawful Desires; which have been too predominant with me, I am now determined to spend the Remainder of my Days in a close Application to some reputable Business, wherever I may render myself a useful Member of Society, and acquire a Subsistence suitable to my Genius and Education. . . . And, as I am at a Loss how to lay a Foundation for my future Livelihood, I humbly propose to lay before the Public a faithful Narrative of my Travels and Adventures for upwards of twenty Years past; which I would publish, by the Subscriptions of such Gentlemen as will be pleased generously to favour the undertaking; which I have been encouraged to hope a great many will do.

By this Method I may be enabled to raise a moderate Sum, in Order to settle in a creditable Way of Living, and convince Mankind of the Sincerity of my Intentions, wholly to reform whatever has been amiss in my former Conduct.

And as I propose this Advantage to myself, so I am hopeful that the Relation of many Transactions of my Life will not only be an agreeable Amusement, but also, in some Degree, useful to others; as therein the World may see by what unjustifiable Steps

I often proceeded, and learn thereby to avoid those Snares and Temptations, by which I have been often entangled and overcome; and which will prove equally hurtful to others, who are so unwise as to follow the like extravagant Courses.

THOMAS BELL.

PROPOSALS for Printing by SUBSCRIPTION

THE

TRAVELS and ADVENTURES

of the famous

TOM BELL.

For upwards of twenty years of his Life, viz., From the Year 1730 to this present Year 1752. Together with a brief Account of his Birth, Parentage, Education, etc.

Conditions.

It is proposed that the said Book shall be printed on good Paper, and a neat Letter, in a large Octavo.

That as soon as the Subscriptions are full the Copy will be sent to the Press, at Williamsburg, and the Books ready to be delivered to the Subscribers, stitch'd or bound, on or before the first of September, 1753.

That the Price of each printed Copy if bound be Fifteen Shillings, but if stitch'd Ten Shillings.

That a voluntary subscription of a Piece of Eight be paid, by such Subscribers only as incline to expedite the undertaking, and relieve the Author's present Necessity, in Order to enable him to procure Subscriptions, and maintain himself during the Time he is preparing and finishing the Piece for the Press; the Remainder to be paid on the Delivery of the Book.

N. B.—The above Undertaking hath already met with such Success, that upwards of Forty Gentlemen subscrib'd the first Day the Subscription was opened.

To be Sold to the highest Bidder.

On Thursday, the 20th of this Instant, at Blandford, on Appomattox River, a choice Assortment of Medicines, and Chirur-

gical Instruments, with a valuable collection of Books on Physick, Surgery, and various other Subjects, together with sundry valuable Horses, Liquors, Beds, and other Household Furniture, being the personal Estate of Doctor Ebenezer Campbell, deceas'd. Six Months Credit will be allowed for any Sum above 5 l, the Purchaser giving Bond with Security. All Persons indebted to him are requested to make speedy Payment, and his Creditors are desired to bring in their Accounts as soon as possible, that they may be discharged. A Catalogue of the Books, Medicines, etc., may be seen at his Stop, in Blanford, any Time before the Day of Sale.

Hugh Miller,
Richard Weir,
Roger Atkinson, *Administrators.*

N. B.—Greatest Part of the Medicines were imported from London this Summer.

To be Sold, on the 18th Day of September next, in Elizabeth City County, in Hampton, for ready Money, a large Dwelling House, with Brick Gable Ends, a Brick Cellar, seven Rooms on the lower Floor, and four Rooms above, and a Passage through the said House, a Kitchen, and other convenient Houses, with a Lot of Land, a good Garden, with Trees and Herbs suitable thereto; also sundry Sorts of Household Goods. The above mentioned House joins two Streets, and fronts the River.

John Henry Rombough.

A Case mark'd A S with E at Bottom, No. 1, containing a Gun, a Silver Watch, a Motto Ring, was shipp'd by Mr. Edward Athawes, on Board the Martha, John Cappes; the Bill of Lading says, To be delivered at the Ship Side; so expect they are landed at Hampton, or Norfolk. Whoever will give Intelligence, so that the Goods may be had, or deliver them to me, at Shepperd's Warehouse, or to Mr. Samuel Price, in York Town, shall have any reasonable Satisfaction made them, by John Metcalfe.

The Ship *Industry*, Matthias Miller, Master, lying in James River, will take in Tobacco for London, either from York or James River, at 7 l. per Ton, with Liberty of Consignment.

Gentlemen inclined to Ship, are desired to send their Orders to Mr. John Hood, at Flower de Hundred; Mr. Roger Atkinson, on Appomattox; Mr. Edward Travis, at James Town; the Master on Board; the Printer, in Williamsburg, or to

John Hutchings.

The Vestry of Truro Parish, in Fairfax County, will meet on the first Monday in September next, at the House of the Rev. Mr. Charles Green, in the said Parish, to receive Proposals for building on the Glebe Land, according to Law: The Dwelling House to be Brick, to contain in the Clear about 1200 Feet, one Story, and Cellars below, with convenient Rooms and Closets as the Ground will allow.

William Payne,

Daniel M'Carty, *Churchwardens.*

August 21, 1752.

We are desired to inform the Public, That as the Company of Comedians, lately from London, have obtain'd his Honour the Governor's Permission, and have, with great Expence, entirely altered the Play House at Williamsburg to a regular Theatre, fit for the Reception of Ladies and Gentlemen, and the Execution of their own Performances, they intend to open on the first Friday in September next, with a Play, call'd The Merchant of Venice (written by Shakespeare) and a Farce, call'd The Anatomist, or, Sham Doctor. The Ladies are desired to give timely Notice to Mr. Hallam, at Mr. Fisher's, for their Places in the Boxes, and on the Day of Performance to send the Servants early to keep them, in order to prevent Trouble and Disappointment.

Pursuant to the Will of the deceas'd Daniel Triplett, There will be expos'd to publick Sale, on Friday, the 15th of September next, if fair (if not, the next fair Day), Two Lots of Land in the Town of Port Royal, on one of which is a large, good dwelling House, and several Out-houses, very convenient for an Ordinary Keeper. The Sale will be on the Premises, and Six Months Credit will be allowed, the Buyer giving Bond and Security to the Executors.

August 28, 1752.

By Permission of the Hon. Robert Dinwiddie, Esq., His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia.

By a Company of COMEDIANS from LONDON,

At the THEATRE in WILLIAMSBURG,

On Friday next, being the 15th of September, will be presented,

A PLAY, Call'd,

THE

MERCHANT OF VENICE,

(Written by Shakespear.)

The Part of ANTONIO (the MERCHANT) to be perform'd by

MR. CLARKSON.

GRATIANO by MR. SINGLETON.

Lorenzo (with Songs in Character) by MR. ADCOCK,

The Part of BASSANIO to be perform'd by

MR. RIGBY.

Duke, by Mr. Wynell.

Salanio, by Mr. Herbert.

The Part of LAUNCELOT by MR. HALLAM.

And the Part of SHYLOCK (the Jew) to be perform'd by

MR. MALONE.

The Part of NERISSA, by MRS. ADCOCK,

Jessica, by Mrs. Rigby.

And the Part of PORTIA to be perform'd by

MRS. HALLAM.

With new occasional PROLOGUE.

To which will be added, a FARCE, call'd,

The ANATOMIST.

or,

SHAM DOCTOR.

The Part of Monsieur le Medecin by

MR. RIGBY,

And the Part of BEATRICE, by MRS. ADCOCK.

No Person whatsoever to be admitted behind the Scenes.
Boxes, 7 s. 6 d. Pit and Balconies, 5 s. 9 d. Gallery, 3 s. 9 d.
To begin at Six o'Clock. Vivat Rex.

The Subscribers having settled in the Shop lately belonging to Mr. Anderson, in Williamsburg, gives this public Notice, That they shall be glad to serve all Gentlemen and others, that are pleased to favour them with their Custom, where they may depend on being supplied with good brown Wigs, Ties, Grizzles, Greys, Bobs, or Cues, of all Sorts (as reasonable as can be imported from London) at the lowest Price, with the Allowance of 5 per Cent. on prompt Payment.

William Peake and James Currie.

N. B.—I humbly beg the favour of Gentlemen and others, that are indebted to me, to pay their respective Debts, that it may enable me to discharge mine, which will very much oblige

Their humble Servant,

William Peake.

September 22, 1752.

On Friday last the Company of Comedians from England open'd the Theatre in this City, when The Merchant of Venice, and the Anatomist, were perform'd, before a numerous and polite Audience, with great Applause; the following Prologue, suitable to the Occasion, was spoken by Mr. Rigby.

PROLOGUE.

O For the tuneful Voice of Eloquence,
Whose Numbers flow with Harmony and Sense,
That I may soar above the common Wing,
In lively Strains the grateful Subject sing;
To celebrate the laurel'd Poet's Fame,
And thro' the World the Stage's Use proclaim.
To charm the Fancy, and delight the Soul,
To deal Instruction, without harsh Controul,
To cultivate (by pleasing Arts) the Mind,
To win to Reason, and with Wit refin'd
To check each Error, and reform Mankind,
For this the Bard, on Athen's infant Stage,

At first produc'd the Drama's artful Page;
At once to please and satyrize he knew,
And all his Characters from Nature drew;
Without Restriction then, as Nature taught,
The Player acted, and the Poet wrote;
The Tragic Muse did Honour to the State,
And in a Mirror taught them to be great;
The Councils, too, by gentle Means reprov'd,
Lashed every Vice, and every Vice remov'd:
For tho' the Foible or the Crime she blam'd,
Smil'd on the Man, and with a Smile reclaim'd.
Thus was the Grecian Stage, the Romans too,
When e'er they wrote, had Virtue in their View:
In this politer Age, on British Ground,
The sprightly Scenes, with Wit and Sense abound,
The brilliant Stage with vast Applause is crown'd,
And Shouts of Joy thro' the whole House resound;
Yet not content to bear so great a name,
The Muse still labour'd to increase her Fame;
Summon'd her Agents quickly to appear,
Haste to Virginia's Plains, my Sons, repair,
The Goddess said, Go, confident to find
An Audience sensible, polite and kind.
We heard and strait obey'd; from Britain's Shore
These unknown Climes advent'ring to explore:
For us then, and our Muse thus low I bend,
Nor fear to find in each the warmest Friend;
Each smiling Aspect dissipates our Fear,
We ne'er can fail of kind Protection here;
The Stage is ever Wisdom's Fav'rite Care:
Accept our Labours then, approve our Pains,
Your Smiles will please us equal to our Gains;
And as you all esteem the Darling Muse,
The gen'rous Plaudit you will not refuse.

To be Sold, A Neck of Land, containing about 110 Acres,
more or less, adjoining to Mrs. Holloway's Tract, very well
wooded, especially with Rail Timber, etc., and bounded on one
side by James City County Road, convenient for carting Wood

to Williamsburg. Any Person inclinable to purchase may know the Terms, by applying to the Subscriber, in Powhatan.

B. Weldon.

To be Sold, The personal Estate of Dr. William Dawson, deceased consisting of a choice Collection of Books, Plate, Household Furniture, a Coach and Horses, etc. Six Months' Credit will be allowed, the Purchaser giving Bond and Security, as usual. The Sale will begin on Tuesday, the 17th of this Instant, October, at Williamsburg, and continue till all are sold.

N. B.—Any Persons that have any Books belonging to the deceased are desired to return them.

October 12, 1752.

The Ohio Company are desired to meet at Stafford Courthouse, on Monday, the 20th of November next.

George Mason,
James Scott,
John Mercer.

October 20, 1752.

A General Meeting of the Cape Company is appointed to be at Mr. Wetherburn's, in Williamsburg, on Tuesday, the 24th Instant, at 5 o'clock, in the Afternoon.

Taken up by the Subscriber, living at Albemarle Courthouse, about the Middle of May last, a dark Bay Horse, with a Blaze in his Face, and some Saddle Spots on his Back, branded on the Shoulder M, and on the Buttock D, about 6 Years old last Spring, with a hanging Mane and Sprig Tail; hath been posted according to Law, and appraised at Six Pounds Ten Shillings. The Owner may have him of me on paying as the Law directs.

John Lewis.

October 27, 1752.

Just arrived from Africa, The Ship *Tryal*, Joseph Little, Master, with a Cargo of choice healthy Slaves; the Sale of which began at York Town, on Thursday, the 26th Instant, and on Tuesday, the 31st, will begin at West Point, and continue till all are sold.

John Robinson,
Humphrey Hill.

An Addition is to be built on one Side of the Brick Church in Bristol Parish, Prince George County, 30 by 25 Feet in the Clear with a Brick Wall round the Church Yard, 5 Feet high; the said Work is to be completed in June 1754. All Persons inclinable to undertake the said Work are desired to meet the Gentlemen of the Vestry at the said Church, on Thursday, the 30th of November next.

Alexander Bolling,
James Boisseau, *Churchwardens*.

N. B.—There will be near 100 l. paid down, the Undertaker giving Bond and Security for the Performance of the Work.

This is to advertise the several Gentlemen that have got Sums of Money on Bond, from the Estate of John Taylor, late Merchant, of Norfolk, That if they don't immediately pay the Interest due to the Executors, and send the Money down to Norfolk, that they may depend on being call'd on for the Principal.

Margaret Taylor,
John Willoughby.

Ran away from the Subscriber, on the 9th of this Instant, a small short dark-skinn'd Mulatto Slave, about 43 Years of Age, endeavours to pass for a Freeman, his Cloathing was a Cinnamon colour'd Coat, much worn, an old Cotton Waistcoat, white Linen long Breeches, Yarn Stockings, English Shoes, a half-worn wide-brimm'd Hat, and a Virginia Linen Shirt. He can play on the Violin, and pretends to understand making of Tobacco very well. Whoever will apprehend and secure him, so that I may have him again, shall have a Pistole Reward, besides what the Law allows, paid by

James Cocke.

Taken up by the Subscriber, in New Kent County, a middle-siz'd white Horse, branded on the near shoulder C, and on the near Buttock with a Dott, has one Wall Eye, and paces slow. The Owner may have him of me on paying Charges.

Edmund Bacon.

November 3, 1752.

All Persons inclinable to learn a true Method of singing Psalms, at the College of William and Mary, or at the Church in

Williamsburg, by giving a Note of their Names to Mr. Emanuel Jones, of the said College, may be instructed for a Dollar Entrance, and a Pistole when Attendance is given Twenty-four Days in the Year, by
John Tompkins.

Ran away, at the same Time, from Accokeek Iron Works, in Stafford County, and supposed to be gone off with the said Michael Burn, a Servant Man, named Robert Sayers, about 26 Years of Age, a lively-looking, round, smooth-fac'd Man, about five Feet and a Half high, speaks good English and very smart; had on an old Kersey Jacket, an old Felt Hat, Linen Breeches, white Thread Stockings, and his Shoe Heels full of Nails; it is supposed they will change Cloaths with each other. Whoever secures him, so that the Subscriber may have him again, shall have Pistoles Reward, paid by
Nathaniel Chapman.

Taken up by the Subscriber, living in Spotsylvania County, a Bay Horse, about 4 Feet 6 Inches high, branded on the off Buttock T, has a short, black Mane and Tail, a Star in his Forehead, a Lift down his Back, and has been much hurt by riding, having many Saddle Spots on his Back. The Owner may have him by applying to
W Waller.

November 17, 1752.

The Emperor of the Cherokee Nation with his Empress and their Son, the young Prince, attended by several of his Warriors and great Men and their Ladies, were received at the Palace by his Honour the Governor, attended by such of the Council as were in Town and several other Gentlemen, on Thursday, the 9th Instant, with all the Marks of Civility and Friendship, and were that Evening entertained, at the Theatre, with the Play (The Tragedy of Othello) and a Pantomime Performance, which gave them great Surprise, as did the fighting with naked Swords on the Stage, which occasioned the Empress to order some about her to go and prevent their killing one another. The Business of their coming is not yet made publick; but it is said to relate to the opening and establishing a Trade with this Colony, which they are very desirous of. They were dismissed with a handsome Present of fine Clothes, Arms, and Ammunition, and expressed

great Satisfaction in the Governor's kind Reception, and from several others, and left this Place this morning.

Friday last, being the Anniversary of his Majesty's Birth Day, in the Evening, the whole City was illuminated. There was a Ball, and a very elegant Entertainment, at the Palace, where were present the Emperor and Empress of the Cherokees Nation, with their Son the young Prince, and a brilliant appearance of Ladies and Gentlemen; several beautiful Fireworks were exhibited in Palace Street, by Mr. Hallam, Manager of the Theatre in this City, and the Evening concluded with every Demonstration of our Zeal and Loyalty.

To be sold, A Convenient Tract of Land, lying in Hanover County, about 18 Miles above Page's Warehouse, 10 Miles above the Courthouse, and about two Miles below the Fork Church, convenient to several good Mills, and on a very public Road; there is on the said Land a good Dwelling house, with Brick Chimneys and Brick Cellar, all convenient Out houses, and a good Apple Orchard, besides Variety of other Fruit Trees, such as Peaches, Cherries, Damosels, etc. The Plantation is under good Fences, and is in good Order for Cropping. Any Person inclinable to purchase may know the Terms by applying to the Subscribers, on the Premises.

John Goldsmith,
William Goldsmith.

December 1, 1752.

Yesterday, Mr. John Holt, was elected Mayor of this City, for the ensuing year.

Stray'd from Prince George Courthouse, about 4 Weeks ago, a Grey Mare, 4 Feet 10 Inches high, branded on the near Buttock 4 P L in a Piece. Whoever brings her to Mr. Peter Eppes, in Prince George County, or to Mr. Alexander Finnie, in Williamsburg, shall receive half a Pistole Reward.

December 8, 1752.

Last Friday Night, about 11 o'clock, the Play House in this City was broke open by one White Man and two Negroes, who violently assaulted and wounded Patrick Maloney, Servant to the

Company, by knocking him down, and throwing him upon the Iron Spikes, one of which run into his Leg, by which he hung for a considerable Time, till he was relieved by some Negroes. The Villains that perpetrated this horrid Fact escaped, but a Reward is offered for apprehending them, and as the aforesaid Patrick Malony continues dangerously ill of his Wounds, it is hoped they will be taken and brought to Justice.

December 15, 1752.

The Snow *John and Mary*, Anthony Allen, Master, lying in York River, will take in Tobacco for London, at 7 l. Per Ton, with Liberty of Consignment. Gentlemen inclinable to ship are desired to send their Notes or Orders to Mr. John Perrin, in Gloucester, Mr. James Mills, at Hobb's Hole, the Captain on Board, or the Printer in Williamsburg.

The Subscriber gives this publick Notice to all Persons indebted to the Estate of Thomas Williamson, deceas'd, and Company, that unless they discharge their Debts within two Months from the Date hereof, their Bonds and open Accounts will be put into the Hands of proper Attorneys, to bring Suit, in Order to enable them to discharge the Demands due from the said Williamson Estate and Company.

Robert Tucker, *Surviving Partner*,
Lewis Hansford, *Executor*.

JOURNAL OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PRESIDENT AND MASTERS OF WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE.

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July 23^d, 1768.

At a Meeting of the President and Masters of W^m and Mary College.

Present:

The Rev^d Mr. Horrocks, President,
Mr. Camm, E. Jones, and Mr. Johnson.

Whereas, no Regard has been paid to our repeat'd Advertisements requiring all Persons to settle and pay off their respective